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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: SYRIA CLAIMS EXECUTIONS OF "PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS"

IN IRAQ

1. SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY REPORTED MAY 8 THAT "FASCIST
RIGHTIST REGIME" IN IRAQ HAD LAUNCHED "TERROR CAMPAIGN"
AGAINST "NATIONALIST AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES" WHICH HAVE
"CONDEMNED IRAQ'S SQUANDERING OF ARAB LAND IN ARABISTAN
AND SHATT AL-ARAB AND ITS FEEBLENESS IN PERFORMING ITS
NATIONAL DUTY." SANA STATED THAT CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED "AFTER
MAIN STREETS IN IRAQI CAPITAL HAD RUNG WITH SLOGANS CON-
DEMNING TRAITROUS AGREEMENT SIGNED BY SADDAM HUSSEIN WITH
IRAN." THE IRAQI REGIME, REPORT STATED, CARRIED OUT
SERIES OF CRIMINAL ASSASSINATIONS LIQUIDATING CREAM OF
NATIONALIST ELEMENTS IN IRAQ. SANA LISTED 50
VICTIMS, INCLUDING COLONELS HASAN SHIRWAN AND ABDUL
KARIM MUSTAFA NASRAT, AND SIX LIEUTENANTS. MRS.
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LAYLA QASSEM HASSAN, REPORTEDLY EXECUTED AFTER SHAM TRIAL IN

BAGHDAD'S ABU GHARIB PRISON, WAS ONLY WOMAN ON LIST.
FULL LIST BEING POUCED USINT BAGHDAD AND DEPT.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EMBASSY UNABLE CONFIRM ACCURACY
SANA REPORT, NAMING INDIVIDUALS EXECUTED COULD WELL STRIKE
CLOSER TO THE MARK THAN VERBAL BROADSIDES OF RECENT DAYS.
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